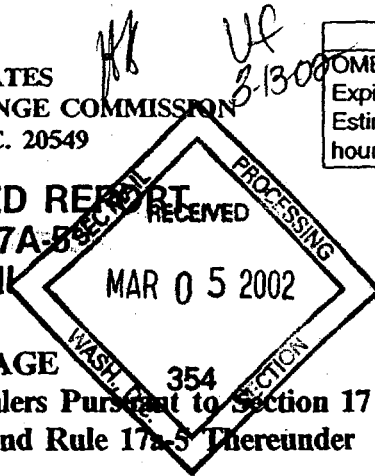




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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 ThereunderREPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING January 1, 2001 AND ENDING December 31, 2001
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

W. R. Rice Financial Services, Inc.

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FIRM ID. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

938 Forest Avenue

(No. and Street)

Portland

(City)

Maine

(State)

04103

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Barry L. Howgate

(207) 775-3451

(Area Code — Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Fortin, Howgate & Harmon

(Name — if individual, state last, first, middle name)

210 Western Avenue

(Address)

So. Portland

(City)

Maine

(State)

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FINANCIAL (Code)

CHECK ONE:

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- Certified Public Accountant
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- Public Accountant
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- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, William R. Rice, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of W.. R. Rice Financial Services, Inc., as of December 31, 19 2001, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

MELISSA A. LAMONTAGNE
Notary Public, Maine
My Commission Expires December 28, 2008



Signature

PRESIDENT

Title


Notary Public

This report** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☒ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
- ☒ (o) Supplemental Report of Independent Auditors.

**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
PORTLAND, MAINE

FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2001

FORTIN, HOWGATE & HARMON

Certified Public Accountants
South Portland, Maine

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
DECEMBER 31, 2001

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors
W.R. Rice Financial Services, Inc.
Portland, Maine

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of W.R. Rice Financial Services, Inc. as of December 31, 2001 and 2000 and the related statements of operations, cash flows, and changes in stockholders' equity for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of W.R. Rice Financial Services, Inc. at December 31, 2001 and 2000 and the results of its operations, cash flows, and changes in stockholders' equity for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying additional information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such additional information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Fortin, Howgate + Harmon

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 and 2000
(See Independent Auditors' Report)

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 47,047	\$ 30,095
Commissions Receivable	9,335	6,003
Total Current Assets	<u>56,382</u>	<u>36,098</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT: (Note 1)	34,796	32,886
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>20,936</u>	<u>17,504</u>
	13,860	15,382
OTHER ASSETS:		
Investments (Note 2)	<u>53,094</u>	<u>53,094</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 123,336</u>	<u>\$ 104,574</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 11,144	\$ 7,969
Loans From Stockholder (Note 3)	0	752
Total Current Liabilities	<u>11,144</u>	<u>8,721</u>
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Common Stock, No Par;		
Authorized 3,000 Shares;		
Issued and Outstanding 3,000 Shares	20,000	20,000
Additional Paid-In Capital	20,000	20,000
Retained Earnings	<u>72,192</u>	<u>55,853</u>
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>112,192</u>	<u>95,853</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 123,336</u>	<u>\$ 104,574</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
(See Independent Auditors' Report)

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
REVENUES:		
Commissions	\$ 276,124	\$ 337,634
Financial Planning and Advisory Fees	45,097	67,080
	<u>321,221</u>	<u>404,714</u>
EXPENSES:		
Commissions Paid	163,822	233,557
Officers' Salary	60,000	60,000
Other Wages	15,410	12,188
Office Rent	14,700	14,700
Telephone	2,415	3,776
Advertising and Promotion	442	1,207
Insurance	5,714	3,927
Equipment Rental	1,644	1,654
Vehicle Expense	3,105	3,684
Professional Fees	5,050	5,025
Repairs and Maintenance	5,860	5,863
Retirement Plan Contribution	9,000	9,000
Utilities	3,853	3,933
Training and Seminars	0	40
Office Supplies	2,535	2,246
Regulatory Fees	1,701	800
Payroll Taxes	6,619	6,234
Computer Expenses	183	1,258
Charitable Contributions	50	321
Travel and Entertainment	1,978	1,636
Postage and Shipping	1,250	909
Cantella Maintenance Fees	231	161
Memberships and License Fees	759	426
Publications	75	515
Depreciation and Amortization	3,432	3,776
Miscellaneous	782	288
Rep. Expense Reimbursement	(18,138)	(18,098)
	<u>292,472</u>	<u>359,026</u>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<u>28,749</u>	<u>45,688</u>
OTHER INCOME:		
Interest	1,790	1,659
Other	70	300
	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,959</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 30,609</u>	<u>\$ 47,647</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
(See Independent Auditors' Report)

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Income	\$ 30,609	\$ 47,647
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income To Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization	3,432	3,776
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Commissions Receivable	(3,332)	(753)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	<u>3,175</u>	<u>(5,331)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>33,884</u>	<u>45,339</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Payment of Dividends	(14,270)	(9,777)
Purchase of Property and Equipment	(1,910)	(3,281)
Purchase of Securities and Investments	<u>0</u>	<u>(53,094)</u>
Net Cash (Used) By Investing Activities	<u>(16,180)</u>	<u>(66,152)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital Contributions	0	20,000
Loans From Stockholder	<u>(752)</u>	<u>752</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	<u>(752)</u>	<u>20,752</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	16,952	(61)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>30,095</u>	<u>30,156</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 47,047</u>	<u>\$ 30,095</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
(See Independent Auditors' Report)

	<u>Additional Paid-In Capital</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Total</u>
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1999	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,983	\$ 37,983
NET INCOME - 2000			47,647	47,647
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTED - 2000	20,000			20,000
DIVIDENDS PAID - 2000	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>(9,777)</u>	<u>(9,777)</u>
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 55,853	\$ 95,853
NET INCOME - 2001			30,609	30,609
DIVIDENDS PAID 2001	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>(14,270)</u>	<u>(14,270)</u>
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2001	\$ <u>20,000</u>	\$ <u>20,000</u>	\$ <u>72,192</u>	\$ <u>112,192</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Business Activity:

W.R. Rice Financial Services, Inc. (the Company) was incorporated on July 25, 1994 and commenced operations in October of 1994. The Company is a broker-dealer engaged primarily in transactions in securities. The Company does business on a fully disclosed basis and, therefore, does not hold or maintain any customer accounts. The Company is a registered broker under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of NASD (National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.) and SIPC (Securities Investor Protection Corporation).

Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include money market accounts and any highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less.

Property and Equipment:

Expenditures for property and equipment, and for renewals and betterments which extend the originally estimated useful life of assets, are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense. When properties are disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed and, except in the case of trades, gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

Depreciation for financial reporting purposes is provided for principally on the straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets.

Property and equipment which is stated at costs consists of the following:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Book Value</u>
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 19,760	\$ 9,541	\$ 10,219
Office Furniture and Equipment	<u>15,036</u>	<u>11,395</u>	<u>3,641</u>
	<u>\$ 34,796</u>	<u>\$ 20,936</u>	<u>\$ 13,860</u>

Revenue:

Commission revenues are recorded on a trade date basis.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could defer from those estimates.

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS:

The Company has made the following investments during the year 2000.

	<u>Cost</u>
2538 shares of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.	\$ 32,994
1500 Warrants of National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. to purchase shares of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.	<u>20,100</u>
	<u>\$ 53,094</u>

As of December 31, 2001, there was no market for these investments and accordingly are considered non-allowable assets for purposes of net capital computation.

NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

In November 1997 the Company began leasing office space from its majority stockholder. The rent paid for 2001 was \$14,700. There was no formal lease agreement as of December 31, 2001.

NOTE 4 - ADVERTISING:

Direct response advertising consists of various forms of media advertising.

NOTE 5 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) requires the maintenance of a minimum net capital balance and requires that the Company's aggregate indebtedness, as defined, may not exceed fifteen times net capital, as defined. At December 31, 2001, the Company's net capital for regulatory purposes was \$44,300, which exceeded its required net capital of \$5,000 by \$39,300, and the percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 25%.

NOTE 6 - RETIREMENT PLAN:

The Company maintains a retirement plan (Simplified Employee Pension) for all eligible employees. For 2001 a Company contribution of \$9,000 was made.

NOTE 7 - INCOME TAXES:

The Company has elected S-Corporation status and therefore the net income of the Company is reported at the shareholder level.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO
UNIFORM NET CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1
DECEMBER 31, 2001

CREDITS:

Stockholders' Equity	\$ <u>112,192</u>
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DEBITS:

Nonallowable Assets:

Property and Equipment	13,860
Receivables From Non-Customers	938
Non-Marketable Securities	<u>53,094</u>
Total Debits	<u>67,892</u>

TOTAL CAPITAL	<u>44,300</u>
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MINIMUM NET CAPITAL - THE GREATER OF 6 2/3% OF AGGREGATE
INDEBTEDNESS OF \$743 OR \$5,000.

<u>5,000</u>

EXCESS NET CAPITAL	\$ <u><u>39,300</u></u>
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RATIO OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL

TOTAL AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS	\$ <u><u>11,144</u></u>
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See the reconciliation of the computation of net capital pursuant to uniform net capital Rule 15c3-1 included in the Company's corresponding unaudited Form X-17A-5 Part IIA Filing with the computation included in this report.

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL
PURSUANT TO UNIFORM NET CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1
TO COMPUTATION IN CORRESPONDING UNAUDITED FORM X-17A-5
PART IIA FILING WITH THE COMPUTATION INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NET CAPITAL AS REPORTED IN COMPANY'S DECEMBER 31, 2000 UNAUDITED FILING OF PART IIA OF FORM X-17A-5	\$ 44,529
NET AUDITED ADJUSTMENTS	<u>(229)</u>
NET CAPITAL AS REPORTED ON SCHEDULE 1 OF THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<u>\$ 44,300</u>

W.R. RICE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENT REGARDING RULE 15c3-3
DECEMBER 31, 2001

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under paragraph (K)(2)(ii) of that Rule.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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Board of Directors
W.R. Rice Financial Services, Inc.
Portland, Maine 04101

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of W.R. Rice Financial Services, Inc. at and for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered its internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by W.R. Rice Financial Services, Inc. that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13 or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgements by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the Commission's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure, including procedure for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2001 to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and should not be used for any other purpose.

Fortin, Howgate + Harmon